



PATENT Customer No. 22,852 Attorney Docket No. 04329.2314

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re Application of: |) |
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| Makoto HARADA, et al. |) Group Art Unit: 1725 |
| Application No.: 09/589,168 |) Examiner: Elve, Maria Alexandra |
| Filed: June 8, 2000 |) |
| For: HYDROGEN REMOVING APPARATUS |)) |
| Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 | |
| Sir: | |

AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action of March 2, 2004, with a period for response extending through June 2, 2004, please amend the application as follows. Applicants also respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration in view of the remarks that follow:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.